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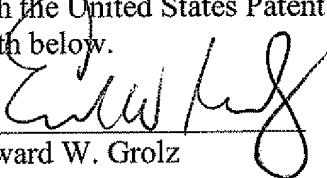
Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated January 10, 2008, the Applicant has filed a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) herewith along with the present Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that, prior to examination, the above-identified application be amended as follows:

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